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Located in the middle of the Central Valley, **Yolo County** is bordered by Colusa County to the north, Sutter and Sacramento counties to the east, Solano County to the south, and Lake and Napa counties to the west.

With a projected population of 225,300 by 2020, Yolo County is expected to experience a steady increase in population over the next 20 years. The gain in new residents will be approximately 61,300 or a little over 37 percent.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force for the county to be 90,200 with an unemployment rate of 4.4 percent. This compares with the state's unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

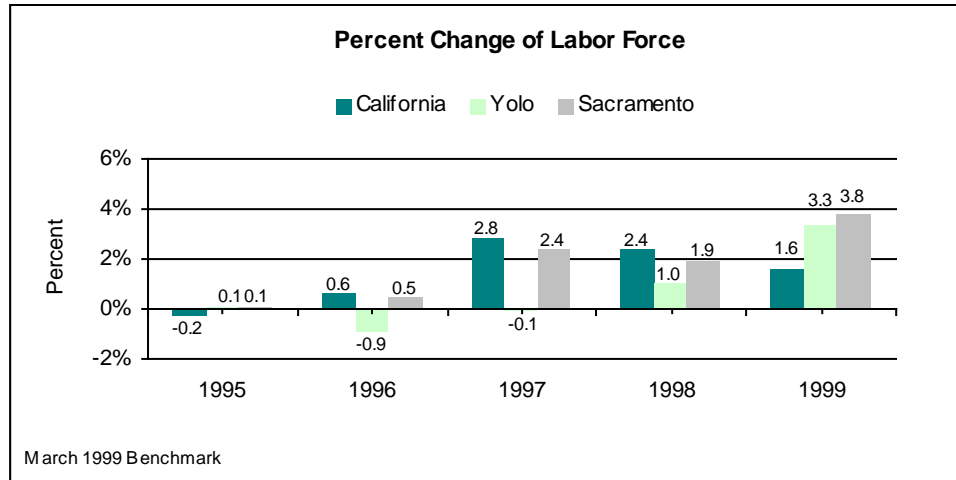
Government is the largest industry in the county, accounting for 31.1 percent of total employment. Other important industry sectors are retail trade at 16.9 percent and services at 15.5 percent.

Services is one of the fastest growing industries with a projected growth rate of 43.4 percent over the 1997 – 2004 projection period. Services will account for 5,600 job openings over the seven-year period. Retail trade will increase by 16.4 percent and government will increase by 9.5 percent.

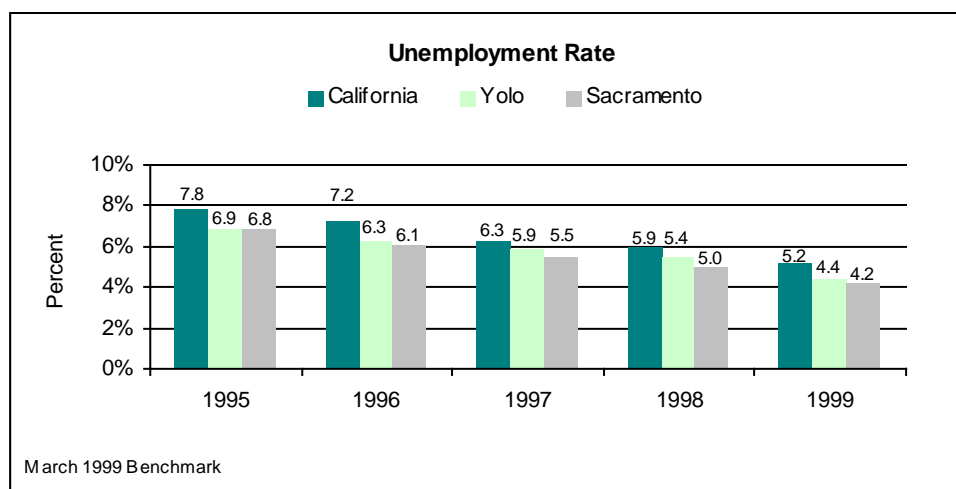
Yolo County's labor market conditions have been steadily improving over the last five years. The county continues to record job growth and declining unemployment rates.

LABOR FORCE

Yolo County's civilian labor force rebounded in 1999 with 3.3 percent growth. Neighboring Sacramento County has maintained labor force gains over this period, continuing through 1999 with 3.8 percent growth.

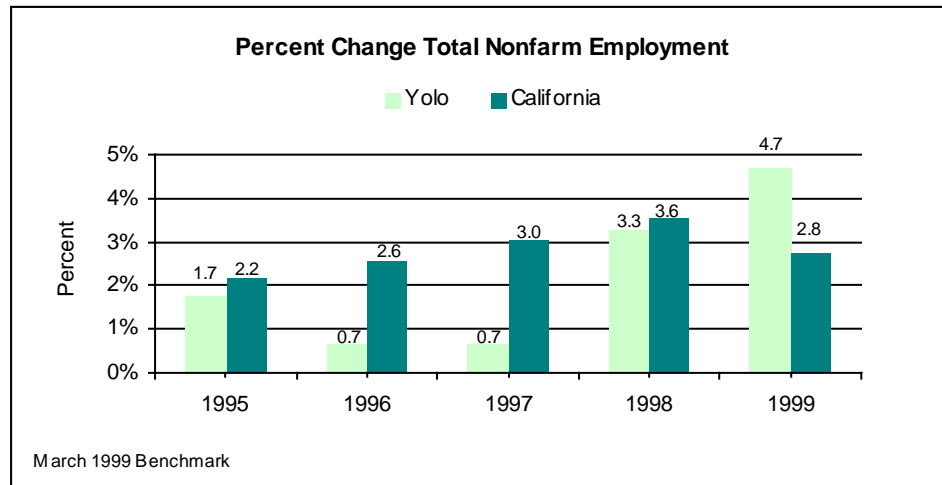


Since 1995, the unemployment rates for Yolo and Sacramento counties have shown a steady decline, indicative of increasing employment opportunities in the area. The unemployment rates for both counties have consistently mirrored that of the state, staying within a few tenths of a percentage point over this period.

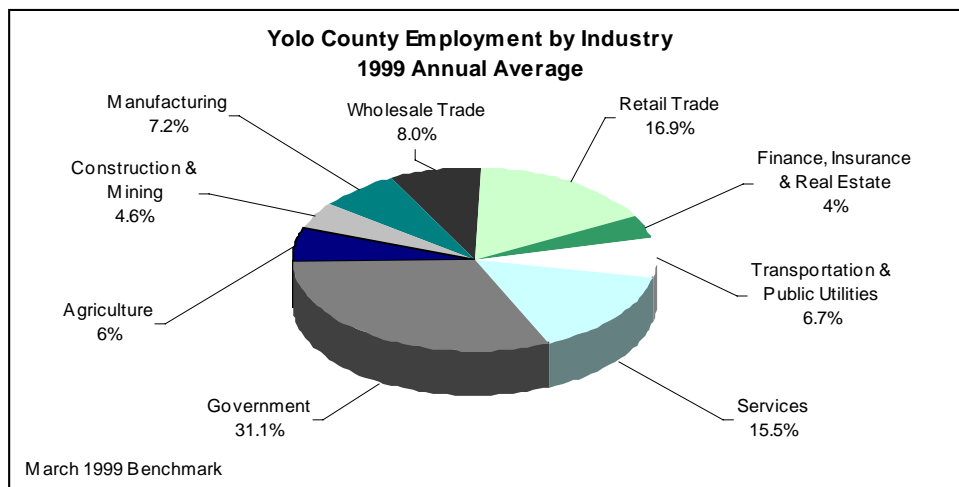


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Yolo County nonagricultural wage and salary employment has shown consistent growth since 1995, continuing through 1999 at 4.7 percent. Over this period, payroll employment grew by 7,200 or 9.5 percent. Government and retail trade accounted for most of the growth.



In 1999, the government, retail trade, and services industries dominated Yolo County employment. During the forecast period of 1997 – 2004, it is expected that almost 62 percent of the job growth in the county will be in the same three industry sectors.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Yolo County is projected to have employment opportunities not only in the high turnover occupations but also in the more technologically advanced categories.

Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 43.4%
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager, Clerical ADM SUP – 240 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of clerical and administrative support workers. Managers / Supervisors are generally found in smaller establishments where they perform both supervisory and management functions. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$15.42
	Child Care Workers – 190 job openings. Attend to children at child care centers, schools, businesses, and institutions. Perform variety of tasks such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.79
	Janitors, Cleaners-Except Maids – 180 job openings. Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition; perform heavy cleaning duties such as operating motor driven cleaning equipment, mopping floors, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.87
	Receptionists, Information Clerks – 160 job openings. Answer inquiries and obtain information for the general public concerning activities conducted at an establishment, such as the location of offices or persons within the firm, departments within the store, or services within the hotel. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.06
	General Managers, Top Executives – 140 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$30.47
Associated Occupations	RETAIL TRADE 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 16.4%
	Salespersons, Retail – 320 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.12
	Cashiers – 230 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.20
	Freight, Material Movers, Hand, NEC – 220 job openings. Manually move materials. Work in a variety of settings such as warehouses, production areas, stockrooms, or shipping departments. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$13.45
	Food Preparation Workers – 120 job openings. Keep kitchen work areas clean and orderly, keep restaurant equipment and utensils clean, move supplies and wash dishes, trays, pots and pans used in cooking and serving. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.43
	Combined Food Preparation and Service Workers – 90 job openings. Do both food preparation and food service. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.14
Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 9.5%
	Traffic, Shipping, Receiving Clerks – 80 job openings. Verify and keep records on incoming and outgoing shipments and prepare items for shipment. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.77
	Corrections Officers and Jailers – 70 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.01
	First-Line Supervisor/Manager, Service Workers, NEC – 30 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers who provide protective services, food services, health assisting services, cleaning and building services, personal services, and other services. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$11.78
	General Office Clerks – 20 job openings. Performs a wide variety of tasks. Clerical duties may be assigned in accordance with the office procedures of the individual establishments and may include a combination of bookkeeping, typing, stenography, office machine operation, and filing. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.59
	Postal Mail Carriers – 20 job openings. Sort mail for delivery. Deliver mail on established route by vehicle or on foot. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$17.03

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